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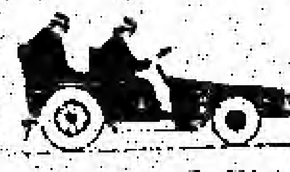

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No Nisei in 1st Army Training Group

Separate Units Planned in Training Camps

VANCOUVER, B. C. No Canadian-born Japanese have been included in the first group of 2000 men called up for compulsory military training in this province, it was learned yesterday from the War Services Board in Administrative District K. However such calls are likely to be made in the near future to train second generation Orientals in separate units.

Interviewed by The New Canadian, the Board disclosed that no Nisei had been included in the first draft; but that they would receive calls to report for training either in the second group in November, or in the third group next January.

Military officers declared that the most efficient way of training would be to organize all-Japanese platoons or companies, in order to form homogenous groups, as was the case with Japanese in the last war. Physical standards and language difficulties were given as reasons for separate platoons.

The adoption of this system has necessitated the postponement of calls, since a very large number of applications for postponement of training have been received from Nisei engaged in seasonal industries.

Nisei reaction to this report was that they would not welcome such a policy of segregation from other Canadians in the camps. They emphasized that while fully willing to train with others in the camp, they were opposed to treatment different from others in the camps.

Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

Esprit de Corps . . . . It will be most interesting to observe the psychological effects of a month of military discipline in camp upon our Nisei youths. It will be a wholly new experience for the majority, but I think that should be invaluable.

One of our gravest weaknesses lies in the large number of young men in our community quite unfamiliar with the procedure of group action, and apparently wholly lacking in a sense of group responsibility. To a very large extent, this weakness has arisen from disorganized family backgrounds, in which as boys they failed to receive adequate discipline and family training. The result has been to leave us with a large number of young men whose thinking has never been directed along responsible channels, and who can see no value in organized group movements beyond those of the "neighborhood gang." In that respect their mental development has fallen far short of their sisters, upon whom a more rigorous training is usually imposed.

Thus it is that a month of marching, fighting, eating, sleeping, and drilling together with several hundreds of their fellows, all under a common code and common conditions ought to develop an entirely new appreciation for the value of organized, disciplined movements. It ought to provide many of them with a new sense of fellowship and respect for others, even a new insight into the whole question of human relationships.

Love and Fate . . . . Disillusioning to the romantic, but encouraging to the realists among our Nisei girls is a paragraph by Arnold Bennett in a recent issue of "Reader's Digest."

"As for the theory that every youth has his or her own particular 'fate' (life partner), and until he or she meets that 'fate' his or her life cannot be fulfilled," he says, "It is as certain as anything human can be that in the average happy marriage the husband would have been equally happy with anyone of 10,000 other women, and the wife with any one of 10,000 men."

Nakedos and Baishakunins will subscribe to those sentiments heartily, but personally, I still like to think that some day, some time, some one . . . . ah me!

On The Newsfront

New Japanese Minister Arrives October 7

Successor to Baron Tomii, the new Japanese Minister to Canada, Seijiro Yoshizawa, is expected in Vancouver Oct. 7, aboard the NYK liner, Hiye Maru.

Regarded as an expert on foreign affairs, and especially on Anglo-American-Japanese relations, the new minister will be made especially welcome. A noted career diplomat, he has been director of the American Bureau of the Foreign Office, and has served in embassies in London, Berlin, Washington and Rome. He speaks English, French and German fluently.

Prior to his departure for Ottawa, he will call upon provincial government officials in Victoria.

City Council Seeks End to Immigration

VANCOUVER.—The City Council Monday, on a motion by Ald. J. W. Cornett, adopted a resolution urging the Federal Government to adopt exclusion measures against Japanese, and the deportation of all aliens who entered the country illegally, as well as those guilty of breaking the laws. The meeting was marred as usual by a boring Wilsonian tirade against the Japanese in general.

10,000 American Nisei Affected by Conscription

The U.S. Army conscription bill which goes into effect Oct. 16 will affect some 10,000 Nisei in America, it is estimated, although only a small number will be touched directly.

Local Department Store Becomes Incorporated.

Announced last week was the incorporation of one of the largest department stores in Vancouver's Japanese community; T. Maikawa Co. Capitalization was said to be $150,000.

Nisei Installed as Strathcona Student Head

Strathcona School held its annual inauguration of the student council last Friday afternoon, when Elizabeth Yamashita, last year's president, was chairman. Four Niseis were installed as members, headed by the new president, George Fukushima.

War Services Board Needs Information

VANCOUVER, B.C. — An appeal to the Nisei to take more care in making applications for the postponement of military training was made last week by officials of the Board of National War Services in Vancouver, which hears such applications.

In an interview with The New Canadian, stress was laid upon the necessity of supplying complete data in letters of application for postponement.

It is necessary to supply the address stated on National Registration cards, the present address of the applicant, and the "K" number on the medical call and certificate. The doctor who conducted the medical examination should also be given.

In the case of Nisei, officials emphasize that extreme care should be taken in signing names. They should be written very clearly, with an indication of which name is the surname, to avoid all possibility of confusion.

The Board is anxious to communicate with two Nisei, I. Koyanagi who has applied for postponement, and Fred Kingo Moriyama, present address unknown. Both of these men should communicate with the board immediately, and friends are asked to bring this notice to their attention.

Oratory Will Open Citizens' Parley

Invite Mayor to Address First Meeting

VANCOUVER, B. C. — An outline of the program of events for the Fifth Annual Convention of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League to be held in Vancouver, Nov. 9-11, was announced Tuesday following a meeting of the host chapter executive.

Opening ceremonies with civic speakers and the National Oratorical Contest will be held Saturday evening. National Council business sessions and convention discussions will occupy the attention of delegates for the next two days; and the farewell banquet and mixer will bring the conference to a close Monday evening.

Vancouver Chapter also announced that it would invite Mayor Lyle Telford to speak at the first fall meeting, Oct 12.

Co-operation in community projects was guaranteed by the appointment of Edward T. Ouchi and Cecil Okawara to the census committee of the Canadian Japanese Association, and of President George Ishiwara and Kunito Shoyama to the Local War Chest Committee.

Mainland Oratory

The Mainland semi-final oratorical contest will be held under chapter sponsorship on Oct. 26. Every chapter on the mainland will be asked to send at least one speaker to take part, the winner of this contest receiving the Hisaoka trophy. Three speakers from this contest are chosen to enter the final.

Masaji Endo, East Fairview executive, was chosen to rep-

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Educationalist To Conduct Lectures

Japanese language school teachers from outlying districts have flocked to the city to hear Jujiro Fujino, eminent and authoritative educationalist of Tokyo, who will conduct a short series of lectures on some factors of language studies at the Japanese Hall October 3 to 5 inclusive.

Mr. Fujino who came up from Seattle Monday declared to The New Canadian that he had been very favorably impressed by the Niseis he had met in the States and that he was hoping to continue the same friendly intercourse with Canadian Niseis.

He said that he had found them on actual personal contact just as well-built, tall and strong of physique as well as open, frank, and cheerful of nature as he had read about them in books and statistical accounts. Furthermore, their educational standards were quite high.

Nisei and Their Future

He pointed out the fact that in building for the future, the Nisei should put to use the many advantages they enjoy over their parents: namely, they have an adequate, if not excellent, command of English; they are reaping the benefits of the toil of their parents who have pioneered in healthy economic lines such as farming and fishing; and they enjoy the friendship of many Canadians with whom they either have studied or worked together.

JCCL, B.C. Y.P.C.C. Invited To Send Speakers To Bussei Convention

Although the date is well over a month away, plans for a dynamic convention, the first of its kind in Nisei history in these parts, are being surely and swiftly sketched and filled out as an hard-working committee headed by the capable and resourceful chairmen, Kiyoshi Suga and Kazuko Kagawa, are burning the candle low in an unceasing effort to crown the Annual Fall Convention of Young Buddhists with success.

High hopes are being entertained to have Rev. S. N. Pratt, American Buddhist priestess of Tacoma and a most engaging personality, come and conduct an English service at the opening morning of the convention, November 16. Bishop Aoki will also be speaking.

At the first general assembly in the afternoon, league matters and other resolutions submitted by Bussei chapters will be aired on the floor.

The highlight of the afternoon session will take place when the convention will split up into two panel discussion groups, one in English and the other in Japanese. In addition to the chairmen and secretaries, reverends and panel representatives from the chapters will be on the panel which will be centred around questions pertinent to the Nisei. The reports of the discussion will be given in the concluding general assembly.

At the sayonara banquet

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The New Canadian

THE VANGUARD OF NISEI OPINION

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No Horse-Trading

Perhaps the most remarkable group characteristic of Canadian-born Japanese which must have impressed the casual observer has been their unceasing insistence that they be accepted and regarded as full-fledged citizens, enjoying and assuming all rights and responsibilities which that term implies.

Behind the struggle to obtain democratic rights—a struggle waged for years against bitter opposition and in the midst of hostile international forces—has been their deep-rooted belief and faith in Canadian democracy and the conviction that they are prepared to play the role of free and equal citizens in a great nation.

This, then, is the attitude of mind in which Canadian-born Japanese approach the question of service to their country in her time of need. This is the attitude which prompted them to volunteer themselves for service in the Canadian Active Service Force. This, too, is the attitude with which they approach the question of compulsory military training.

They are not the kind of citizens to take advantage of their country's difficulties, profiteering to win for themselves a more favored position. They are Canadians first, citizens interested in the welfare of their country; not horse-traders intent upon bargaining.

And it is easy to see what has inspired frantic appeals to the Federal Government protesting against any grant of rights in the event of participation in home defence—has been inspired neither by patriotism nor statesmanship, but merely by the base fear for the safety of personal and prestige.

When this war, pledged to uphold the democratic way of life has been fought and won, then Canadian-born Japanese will again seek to have that way of life upheld in their own case. But in the meantime, they have nothing but an expression of contempt for local politicians with horse-trading mentalities.

Halloween Naziism

October is here again, and at this time it may not be amiss to look to that unholy tradition of ours forward to the end of this month, known as All-Hallows Eve.

All of us will recall the senseless damage inflicted on the Japanese community during the past several years by a rowdy gang of sub-normal youths. Last year on Halloween a mob of some two hundred invaded the Powell Street district, smashing windows and pillaging stores before they were dispersed.

It is not too early to begin organizing our own "Home Defence Corps," to give these annual visitors once and for all a welcome they will never forget. A compact firehose brigade, backed up by organized divisions of lead-pipe troops will be able to give these amateur Nazis a taste of what Hitler is getting just at this moment.

Platoon System

According to reports, platoons of Canadian-born Japanese will be organized if and when they are called training under the home defence into camp for compulsory military training program.

The first reaction among the Nisei is likely to be an adverse one, since such a policy readily lends itself to interpretation as an act of discrimination. Further thought, however, reveals that this is not necessarily so.

Military authorities have given us the assurance that the principal reason for instituting such a platoon system is the desire to produce an efficient unit comprised of common and similar men. The esprit de corps of such a unit, they reason likely, would be much superior to one composed of differing elements, and we ourselves are convinced that for efficiency and smartness a Japanese Canadian unit would rank with the very best in Canada.

While it may be regretted that this system will not permit the establishment and cultivation of close personal contacts between Occidental and Oriental Canadians, it must be remembered that the prime objective in training an army is efficiency.

Nisei Preparedness

If the Nisei in British Columbia have learned anything at all from the perplexing situation that faces them today, they assuredly must have realized that their most pressing need is efficient organization among themselves. Day by day, as new and disturbing conditions arise that need becomes more apparent, and we cannot afford to remain indifferent to it longer.

We must be prepared to study the situation that has arisen from a grave international situation, make decisions from that study, and carry them out with full support. We must be on guard now to combat more dangerous threats to our welfare and happiness than we have ever faced before. But what evidence have we that the Nisei are so organized and so prepared?

In a short time we shall have an opportunity to test our preparedness and organization, for on November 10-12 in Vancouver the Japanese Canadian Citizens League will meet in convention. The League, *on paper*, represents every Nisei in British Columbia, and is dedicated to work in their behalf, irrespective of their class, creed, district or political belief.

From the manner in which the convention goes, and from the concrete results in decisions upon questions of paramount importance and in increased efficiency, we shall know whether or not the Nisei are prepared. It it be found that leaders of the League are living up to the grave responsibilities of leadership, then unqualified support must be given by every Nisei; if they are not, then new leaders who will must be sought and found upon the personal responsibility of every Nisei.

AUTUMN CANVAS

Autumn is the tree's disrobing;
The cider odor of orchards,
The pleasant scent of leaf smoke,
The sound of dogs barking afar off
And of children shouting.

Autumn is the fragrant, mellow blend
Of winter on the way
And summer's end.

W. H. B.

For a' that ...

By T. M. K.

WE are fortunate indeed, who live in this country in these times. We don't know the terror and destruction of enemy bombs, the devastation of levelled homes and stricken peoples. We have a plenty in food and clothing and protection, while those across the oceans daily face the grim uncertainty between life and death, when an untimely bomb may blast them out of their homes to leave them derelicts of this ghastly modern warfare. We can thank our stars we are safe here, and the very least we can do is to give of our time and effort to make things easier in the Motherland.

Money is a simple thing to give, and there isn't one of us but has a mite to give; but there are other things we can do to help. I know of no more humanitarian project than the Red Cross Society, a society that embraces the whole world. The Niseis are actively doing their share in making the many refugee clothing and hospitalization goods, and this column salutes them.

I wonder if the readers of this paper realize the amount of personal sacrifice that goes into each finished garment. To me it is a source of continued amazement that our young girls can do so much on the little time they have. Now, on top of their sewing and knitting, they are sponsoring a dance to raise much-needed funds for their treasury. I do wish the whole Japanese community will get behind them and push this affair to a grand success. The girls of the Japanese Unit surely deserve it.

WHAT really started me on today's column was that the other night I dreamed a horrible dream of bombs and air-raids and screaming children, and raw recruits. In this dream I saw vividly . . . and how terribly vivid it was . . . a bomb falling toward us. It flashed in the sunlight on its downward journey, and the people below scattered to the four winds. I stood . . . in this dream . . . a horrified spectator. I saw our young Nisei boys, untrained but willing, manning the guns on His Majesty's ships-of-war . . . and I remember thinking in my dream: How immeasurably brave these boys are!

I woke, but the dream remained as vivid as if it had really happened.

Then I recalled reading in the local paper more insults . . . and such fantastic ones at that . . . from H.D.W. Well, believe me, I've said my say about him, and I really can't waste valuable space on the peccadillos of such an incorrigible fellow. He's past saving.

NO matter what we do, no matter how spontaneously and how voluntarily we do it, someone is bound to be nasty about it. We would be hopelessly deluged under insulting remarks if we took them too much to heart. The Japanese here have been systematically and continually slapped in the face by the Wilsons of this town, and we have turned the other cheek, as it were. Heartaches are in store for us, and hardships too. We can't be too prepared to counteract them with courage, perseverance and responsibility. If we always keep in mind that Wilson isn't Canada, or that Canada isn't Wilson; if we remember that the love and loyalty we owe our native land cannot be tarnished by petty hates, if we look years ahead to our ultimate happiness and not on our present discontent—then we shall be doing the best thing in the world for us and our children's children.

This magnificent country calls us to put forward every effort in making this a key nation in a future world to come. Let us do so to the last drop of red blood in our veins. Let us give all we have of brains, initiative, humanity.

This Is My Window

By SHINOBU HIGASHI
Hsinking, Manchukuo

Evil-smelling and filthy beyond belief, he trudges along the street with a wicker basket hanging from one shoulder brimming with dirty paper, soiled rags and scraps of food. His face has seen no water for years, and yesterday's rain has pockmarked the layers of dirt coating his face and hands and legs. The toes of his shabby slippers have long since gone, his clothes are patched and torn and retorn, hanging in thin shreds from his scrawny limbs. Ostracized from society, fallen to the lowest level, he stoops to salvage a cigarette butt, as he makes his round of garbage boxes and refuse heaps about the city.

He is the typical ragman — not fallen quite so low as the beggar. He is an eyesore to the visitor, the source of qualms of guilty conscience to the well-fed, the well-clothed. This rising metropolis of the East, this wide and spacious city, with its sweep of boulevards and green of parks, stands baffled before this festering human sore.

We find him everywhere—London, Paris, New York, Toronto, Los Angeles—the feet of clay, the Achilles heel of even the most highly developed civilization. Democracy, with its boast of equality, material luxury is powerless before the problem of the apathetic indigent. He remains holed in some filthy den in the east side of great American cities—a grim protest against the so-called American way of living. He remains the bane of civic pride, the mockery of philanthropic effort.

Man may soar to the heights of intellectual activity, the pinnacles of artistic effort, to the transcendent sublimity of religious aspiration, but he still remains in part the guttersnipe, the garbage raider, the excrement of civilization.

In him is epitomized the tragedy of humanity. God has made him to mock the pride of man, God has created him to bring to naught the vanity of human arrogance. He refutes the claim to the absolute of puny man, he pales the ecstasy of truth attained at long last. The Pyramids, the Parthenon, Picadilly Square, and the Statue of Liberty will fall and crumble into dust, but the ragman will linger on, a parody of all human achievement, all human progress.

God created man in his own image; in His own image created He him. And the Manchu ragman stumbles along with malnutrition along the sun-bathed street beneath my window.

With Mars on the Campus

Nisei Yoshio Marches with Joe College As Students Start Military Training

Autumn sunshine imparted a glow of warmth to the local University campus Saturday afternoon, but not as much life as the 1500 students who marched along the Mall and boulevard from the buildings to the "gates"—three stiff hours of marching—in their first military parade of the University's war program.

Stripped of their coats, sleeves rolled up, the young men — seniors and juniors, sophomores and freshmen, arts men and sciencemen—marched along in a scene reminiscent of the days of 1922 when the students marched all the way from the "Fairview Shacks" to Point Grey in a vivid demonstration to get the provincial government to complete the construction of the new University buildings.

Some forty Niseis are affected by the new training system. Some of them who experienced the rigours of the long two-hour march Saturday, mentioned aching flat feet, corns and fatigue, but spoke with admiration of Colonel G. M. Shrum, commander of the corps, and head of the Department of Physics, who marched at the head of the students as one of them.

And the entire campus is alive with the quickened sense of responsibility borne by the University, the professors and the students in their new role in Canada's war effort. Everywhere khaki uniforms are to be seen, and the orderly room in the basement of the Arts Building has been crowded with recruits during the past week.

In the program drawn up by the officials, students will devote six hours weekly to basic military training, which has been scheduled in such a way as to minimize clashes with study hours — three hours of drilling and marching every Saturday afternoon, three hours in lectures and physical training. The officers' training courses will require a little more time.

Red Cross, Welfare Combine: War Chest

VANCOUVER. — With the announcement by the Greater Vancouver War Chest that the Vancouver Welfare Federation and the Vancouver and West Vancouver branches of the Canadian Red Cross had agreed to hold a joint drive under its supervision, this city is again relieved of the additional costs in both time and money of two major financial appeals.

Thus, although small branches of the Red Cross throughout the province are now well under way with their contribution to the national Red Cross appeal, Vancouver, West Vancouver and Victoria will not seek Red Cross subscriptions until Oct. 29.

Meanwhile, plans for Greater Vancouver's joint drive are being rapidly completed throughout the various organized divisions under the general campaign chairmanship of Senator A. D. McRae. The date has been set for Oct. 29th, and the financial objective, $690,000.

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"This is JZJ broadcasting from Tokyo . . ." as its opening announcement a special "Canada Night" broadcast arranged expressedly for people in Canada came over the ether last Friday night at 9:00 p.m. Due to poor atmospheric conditions the broadcast, unfortunately, was not all that could be desired.

With Yoshiye Suyama, former Vancouver Nisei, now a staff member of the JBC, as mistress of ceremonies for the Nisei portion of the programme, the broadcast heard songs by Miss Aiko Saita, and Miss Fumi Ohori as well as a sketch by five former Vancouver Niseis, which included Misses Nuiko Muraki, Mrs. T. Mayeda, the former Cana Okamura, Sakaye Yoshino, and Harry Nakayama and Kazuma Uyeno.

Due to poor receiving conditions Miss Saita's part of the programme was hardly audible. However Miss Ohori's singing came in with more clarity, and listeners were able to hear her sensitive rendition of "The Holy City" and Schubert's "Ave Maria." The sketch in which five Niseis took part was in a form of a welcome party for Miss Ohori.

The second half of the programme was in the Japanese language for the older people.

Japan In Fall Is Most Beautiful

In no season of the year is Japan more colorful than in the autumn. Crimson maple leaves blanket the precipitous hillsides, gorgeous chrysanthemums go on display in hundreds of public and private gardens, and the people don their gayest kimono.

Japan's climate is also at its best between October and the New Year. An almost endless succession of cloudless days replaces the misty heat of summer. The nation moves out of doors on every possible excuse.

The abrupt forested slopes of once-volcanic Mount Hakone, situated in the shadow of fraceful Fujiyama, less than two hours by train from Tokyo, turn red almost overnight. Parks near the capital are thronged every day.

Another spectacular Fall event is the series of chrysanthemum shows held in or near all the principal cities. In Western Japan, in the vicinity of Kobe, Osaka and Kyoto, these shows are particularly spectacular.

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Harmony Prevails At Folk Festival

Japanese Contribute Share to Programme

Forty-odd nationalities were represented at the Vancouver Folk Festival Society's Eighth Annual Festival held last week at the Hudson's Bay, forty-odd racial groups from countries from all over the world, but the note of common unity prevailed among the different racial groups which make up the colorful patch-work of Canadian life was the dominant key during the entire week of the Festival.

Saturday evening, Mrs. John T. McCay, energetic president of the Society, reiterated the statement made on previous evenings that the success of the Festival was due not just because of her who was merely a "figurehead," but to the unselfish and willing co-operation of the convenors of the various folk groups who gave freely of their time and service to the worthy cause.

And the hundreds and hundreds of people who crowded into the stately but hospitable Georgian Room of The Bay heartily endorsed the work of Mrs. McCay and the Folk Festival Society by applauding the presentations of the diverse groups clad in their native costume.

Japanese Canadian Role

Japanese Canadians were represented at the Festival by Harumi Tomotsugu, Ikumi Yamashita and Lucy Takemoto of the Hyubikai School of Japanese Dance under the direction of Mrs. T. Tonogai, who took part in the program Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Along with the folk arts and crafts displays of Greece, Doukhobors, China, Finland, Hungary, French - Canadians, Italy, Mexico, Poland and Norway and many others, was an exhibition of Japan to which several citizens of the local community contributed valuable objects of art.

In addition, there were lectures on French-Canadian folk lore by Mlle. Juliette Gaultier de la Verendrye, internationally recognized authority on Canadian folk lore, on "Antique Embroideries" by Miss Blanche Payne, professor of home economics at the University of Washington, and on "Psychology and Folk Lore" by Dr. Irving of the local university.

Nisei Choose U.S.A. Over Japan for Home

LOS ANGELES.—An overwhelming majority of Japanese Americans in California look upon the United States as their permanent home was a fact brought out by a survey which was conducted over a period of three years by Togo Tanaka and Louise Suski, English editors of the Rafu Shimpo, and the results of which have just been released by the Los Angeles Equality Committee.

In a questionnaire submitted to 3,100 high school students they were asked whether they had made up their minds where they wished to live permanently, and if so, where? Tabulations showed 2,993 answered "the United States." Forty-five were uncertain, and the others said they would live in Japan, the majority of whom gave as their reasons the fact that they were joining their parents.

The survey also disclosed that of California's 96,000 Japanese, over 65,000 are American-born and about 3,800 are third generation.

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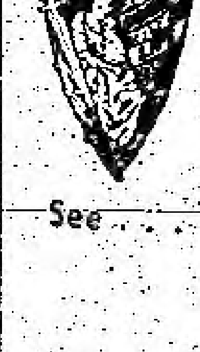

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GYK Players Rehearse Nightly

Committees Rush Preparations

It is the evening of October 19, 1940. An overflowing audience in the Japanese Hall is hushed as the tense drama "New Year and Soldiers" draws to a swift conclusion. The intense look written all over the face of the spectators tells that for them the players on the stage belong to a world apart . . . . At last, the final words . . . The curtain falls . . . For a split second, the house is silent, then a hand-clapping breaks loose . . . Like a mighty tidal wave it surges through the hall . . . It recedes . . . It comes back again, this time with even more force, as the players answer the insistent demand of the audience for a curtain call . . . And the 1940 Gakuyukai production is written into the books.

If all the time, energy and effort which members of the Gakuyukai are putting into the forthcoming 25th anniversary production of the organization are to bring adequate recompense, the above hypothetical report would be but an understatement.

With the dress rehearsal scheduled for Wednesday evening, October 17, the school hall is a busy scene nights as the actors are going through their roles under the direction of Frank Nakamura.

Billed in a "return" engagement of "Yotamon" are Roy Kunano and "Sally" Nakamura. Those who roared at the antics of this pair in that "gay caballero" piece three years ago, this bit of news is particularly welcome.

In a meeting of the executive Friday evening Yoshiko Hirota was chosen to take the place of Masuko Iguchi since the latter will be sailing for Japan on a visit sometime in November. Kiyoshi Suga was also elected to the post of sports convenor left vacant by Dick Tomoda.

Committees in Charge

Headed by Prexy Harry Kondo, various committees are busy tackling the hundred and one problems connected with the production. Supersalesmen Don Sugiman and Tatsuye Saito are looking after tickets (50c adults, students and children 25c Friday, 35c Saturday); Masuko Iguchi is in charge of the staff designing stunning costumes ("Wait till you see the girls in their Chinese costumes, your eyes will pop out" is the verdict of one GYKer); Kaz. Suga is managing the stage hands, Takeo Yamada is adding his artistic touches to the stage scenery; and Mr. Akiyama is handling the lighting effects.

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Writers Wanted In Short Story Contest

"The pen is mightier than the sword," and dramatic presentation of the stir of human emotion is often more effective and convincing than the most logical and reasonable analysis.

This is the belief which this year has prompted the National Council of the JCCL to attempt an experiment in switching its annual essay contest into a short story contest for Nisei writers.

Announced three weeks ago, rules for the contest were released last week by the committee in charge, and every Nisei at all interested in the art of writing is urged to submit his or her entry without hesitation.

It may be of practically any length, from a short short up to ten thousand words, and the choice of the subject is left entirely to the writer. It is open to every Japanese Canadian in this country, irrespective of sex, age, or anything else.

Entries for the contest should be in the hands of the Short Story Contest Committee, care of The New Canadian, on or before the closing dates, November 1. Awards in the form of book prizes will be presented at the opening ceremonies of the National JCCL convention.

Dr. Norman F. Black, noted Vancouver educator and editor of the "B. C. Teacher," long a keen and sympathetic student of the second generation problem, will again be asked to judge and criticize the entries.

Bussei Meet

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it is hoped to have among others, speakers from the JCCL and the B.C. Y.P.C.C.

The following program is tentative:

10 a.m. to 12 noon—Opening service.

12 to 1—Luncheon and Free Period.

1 to 2—General Assembly.

2 to 4—Discussion Period.

4 to 4:30—General Assembly.

4:30 to 5:30—Closing service.

5:30 to 6—Free Period.

6 p.m.—Banquet and Social.

There'll Always Be An England

By CINDERELLA

It happened in a shoddy, second rate cabaret. The place [illegible] the usual types who frequent such places. Bald-headed [illegible] on recapturing their lost youth; men and women seeking [illegible] wisp in drinking glasses; youths and maidens dreaming in [illegible] world where anything is possible for just a few hours [illegible] lights and the lilt of haunting melody.

It was only a song, but the audience rose spontaneously to [its] feet. "There'll Always Be An England" . . . And I, too, found [myself on] my feet, my glass raised high.

There'll always be an England,
While there's a country lane

. . . a country lane that wound past an old ramshackle [illegible] into fields warm with the scent of white and pink clover and [illegible] the droning of honey bees. There, lying on my back, I watched [the] clouds sailing by— and every vaporous mass that floated before my [won]dering eyes became a stately galleon. Mine the surge of power, the [illegible] of freedom, the sense of bigness unlimited by either time or space.

Wherever there's a cottage small
Beside a field of grain

. . . Childhood? Growing up with the cycle of the [illegible] early cabbages, pushing their sturdy, ivory stalks through February [illegible] to the red, lush strawberries of hot June, the green, proud army of [illegible] summer corn, and the golden harvest of Indian summer which [illegible] store of russet apples and hard pears. Mine the years of [illegible] ness, when youthful pranks shortened hours of toil, when [illegible] wild game and food and shelter left nothing more to be desired.

There'll always be an England,
While there's a busy street

. . . Powell Street and Cordova Street! Working girls and [illegible] writers and fisherfolk, innkeepers and vegetable pedlars, all [illegible] buying and selling, crying out to fate, laughing at fate, dreaming [illegible] meeting temptation, falling, rising! Stout hearts in frail frames [illegible] out an existence in the land they love! Ours the [illegible] of city streets, the sound of shuffling feet, drab, but always interesting, crude, but [illegible] and vigorous.

Wherever there's a turning wheel,
A million marching feet

. . . Hundreds of girls, shelving their dreams, working in [illegible] factories, millions of heavy boots, plodding, plodding [illegible] falling asleep in bunks, too tired to dream, too exhausted to be [illegible] introspective, laughing, often drinking—their presence here the [illegible] ward manifestation of what exists inarticulate but deep in the [illegible] every Canadian born! Ours the second best at times, but ours too, the land we love!

Red, White and Blue,
What does it mean to you?
Surely you're proud,
Shout it aloud
Britons awake,
The Empire too
We can depend on you.
Freedom remains.
These are the chains
Nothing can break.

Today, standing at the crossroads, I watch the world go by, [no] longer the idealistic child of a decade ago, fired with visions and ready to throw myself into every cause that came my way. I am wiser now. It is the wisdom which comes through experience, bitter but not [illegible] mon in the lives of the Nisei. I have learned to temper my [illegible] the tempo of a prejudiced society, to hide the bitterness beneath a [illegible] of cynicism. And in my cynicism and bewilderment, I had almost forgotten the road that I am travelling is one far more adventurous than those I dreamed of in my youth. "Red, white and blue, what does it mean to you?" To me they mean a childish heart becoming [illegible] to a Canadian environment, a youth's tender unbroken [illegible] striving for recognition beneath a Canadian sky.

"There'll always be an England" is not a [illegible] melody to me. It is a musical expression of what Canada has given [me] and what she is challenging to accept. These things I had [almost for]gotten.

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TOWN TOPICS

BARITONE TO SING

Mr. Satoshi Nakamura, Nisei baritone of note, has been asked to render one or two numbers at a Peoples' meeting to be held at St. Andrew's-Wesley this coming Sunday afternoon, October 6. Mr. John M. McCay, president of the Vancouver Folk Festival Society, will be speaking a few words on the coming Folk Festival week.

ALTAR-BOUND

The engagement is announced of the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kobayashi to Mr. Kiichi Maikawa, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tomojiro Maikawa. The Nakodos are Mr. and Mrs. S. Fujii, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Taguchi.

IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service was observed at the Hompa Temple on Sunday afternoon for Yoshio Hayami, who passed away recently in the Far East. The deceased was well known in the local community in connection with his work with the Gakuyukai and other organizations. Many societies were represented at the service.

BLESSED EVENT

On September 23, at the General Hospital, a seven-pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Yoshinori Shiraishi of 145 W. 5th Avenue. Mrs. Shiraishi is the former Kimi Ide.

BAZAAR

October 25th and 26th have been earmarked as the dates for the annual Catholic bazaar to be held in the Catholic Mission on Dunlevy Street. Offering their services behind the bazaar counters will be Canadians as well as Japanese girls.

BACK TO WORK

Vacation time now over, Mr. Tad Hyodo left Monday morning to his work in Ocean Falls. Leaving on the same boat was Victor Saito, who has been attending a local convention in the city.

J.S.C. MEETING

The first important meeting of the year will be held at the home of Mrs. Kagetsu, 2867 W. 37th at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 5th. Take the Macdonald bus to 37th Ave. The programme for the year will be discussed, so every member is requested to attend.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Miss Yae Suzuki left Tuesday for Bellingham, where she has enrolled in a special class for the training of kindergarten teachers.

Engagement Announced

Of very wide interest to a large number of friends is the engagement announced Sunday of Fumiko, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Kosaka, 2141 Columbia to Mr. Nagayoshi "Naggie" Nishihara, well-known Asahi Baseball Club pitching star. Nakodos for the marriage are Mr. and Mrs. R. Suzumoto and Mr. and Mrs. T. Nishikawa.

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

?—Powell United Church Fujinkai Rummage Sale, Powell Gym.
7—Kumamoto Seinenkai Roller Party, Happyland, 7:30 to 10:30.
?—4th Annual B.C. Y.P.C.O. Rally, Powell United Church, 3 p.m.
13—Y.P.C.C. Luncheon, Melrose Cafe, 12:30.
14—Red Cross Dance, Peter Pan Ballroom, $1 couple.
1?—Nisshin Seinenkai Keirokai, Nichiren Temple.
15, 16—Gakuyukai Play, Japanese Hall.
25-26—Catholic Bazaar, Mission Hall.
31—Hallowe'en.

Niseiette Wins Prize In Style Quiz Contest

For at least one Niseiette fall fashions hold more than a mere passing interest, or a new dress. Joyce Ikeda of 1740 Powell Street learned last week that she is entitled to a consolation prize for her entry to the city-wide style quiz contest sponsored by Vancouver merchants, September 20.

"Tickled pink" were the first words she had to say about her achievement. "Oh, I thought I'd like to try anything once, and just turned in my entry. All I had to do was to walk along a few downtown streets, look into several shop windows, take a few notes and write fifty words. I found the experience quite enjoyable."

She is expecting to receive her prize any minute.

ROLLER FEST

The first roller skating party of the month is scheduled for Happyland, Monday, October 7th by the Kumamoto Seinenkai. Skating from 7:30 to 10:30. Tickets are available from seinenkai members.

J. C. C. L.

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resent the Vancouver chapter in the Japanese oratorical contest, sponsored by the Fairview Y.M.B.A., Nov. 3.

The chapter will again sponsor the social highlight of the year, the grand Christmas Ball this winter. Payment to the National Council of $87.50, half the year's assessment fee, was also approved.

Co-operation with organized athletics in the community will be continued by maintaining affiliation with the community basketball league on the same successful basis as last year.

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'Mum Society Active

Anniversary Number Nearly Complete

Prospects are indeed bright for the Kokonoye Kai (the Japanese Canadian Chrysanthemum Society) to enjoy one of its most successful years since its inception ten years ago.

Their anniversary magazine, for instance, has so increased in size and scope from the original plan of fifty pages, thanks to the vigorous and unflagging work of the committee in charge, that well over hundred pages is expected before the booklet rolls off the press in its completed form.

Printed in two parts, Japanese and English, the publication will have numerous informative and absorbing articles and messages by well-known local Japanese and Canadian friends of the society. One of the features is an illustrated article entitled, "How to Make Cascade Chrysanthemums" by Roy C. Ogaki, member of the Kokonoye Kai.

Richly illustrated by some 30 cuts showing precious blooms and pictures of the members themselves, the publication will be printed on excellent paper and bound in book form with engraved lettering on the front and back flaps.

Several hundred copies of the issue are to be printed. Some will be given to members of affiliated chrysanthemum societies, of which the Kokonoye Kai was the first to be organized.

Furthermore, the Kokonoye Kai is playing quite an active role in the forthcoming First Annual Chrysanthemum Show which is being sponsored by the Vancouver Exhibition Society November 7 to 9 at the Exhibition Grounds. It has even donated a challenge trophy which will be put up for competition during the exhibits.

Other challenge trophies have been donated to the Vancouver District, Burnaby, South Burnaby and New Westminster Chrysanthemum Societies for annual competition.

All these cups are at present on exhibit in the T. Maikawa store window.

On November 12, 13, 14 the Kai will be sponsoring its annual mum show at 139 Alexander Street. Plans are being formulated to make the exhibit one of the best on record.

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Femme-Fare

By Cinderella

CONVERSATION PIECE —AN OVERTURE

It's a nice evening, isn't it? Ah, er-er, how is your mother? It's rather warm for October, isn't it? Some squirming, a few feeble gurglings in your throat, and a long, unbroken silence. It never fails to happen, does it, when the lights are dimmed, the logs in the fireplace making arabesque lights and shadows about the room, and you and that person, perhaps that one and only, that witty boy who just moved into the neighborhood, or the football hero over whom the girls are simply wild, find yourselves alone for a whole evening? You've spun dreams about this particular moment—'fess up, now!—sitting on a low stool, firelight playing on your hair, and lighting sparks in your eyes. *Only*, you were witty, interesting, and gay—not dumb, nervous, strained.

And that dread silence, descending unbroken, non-committal, like a pall. So, you think, with almost wild rebellion, of Mariko, with her gift for repartee, of Kiku of the sloe-eyes and snowy complexion, who has only to throw a shy glance to capture the stag line, and of Hatsue, who knows all there is to know about trade and labour and things.

But, have you ever stopped to think that that "gift of gab" might prove a liability? If, like Tennyson's proverbial brook, you babble on forever, you'll find yourself soliloquizing to a lonely evening. "And, how many people have told you—and I've been told, too—that "speech is silver, but silence is golden," but you and I know that even gold loses its glittering appeal after a while.

Let's pretend that at last you have that "special person" safely seated in your living room. The lights have been dimmed (for comfort, my dear, and nothing else!); an extra log shoved into the fire; and cheese sandwiches or doughnuts tucked away for future use. The stage is set. Now, how to start the conversation!

You do some kind of work, don't you, whether it's at home, in the office, or in school? Well, tell him about it. If it's sewing, tell him what you are doing, and what you intend to do, but remember he doesn't know a french seam from a plain one and doesn't give a hang even if he never sees one, so don't become technical. This is your chance not to make a grand speech (save that for your sewing circle or your future mother-in-law), but to compare notes about your experiences. He'll talk and watch those hours fly!

And don't forget the family—the good old standby in a pinch. Your caller wants to feel at home, and here's your opportunity to kill two birds with one stone. Bring them into the conversation. Oh no, not grandmother's rheumatism, or father's theories, or sister's good-looking boy friend—but about Johnny's conclusion that heaven must be an awful place—just imagine flying around with white wings! And then, try and keep cool and reserved after a good laugh.

After that, amusements. This is to find out what you both enjoy—in print, on the screen, over the air. Then, pick out the topics accordingly.

And, last, but not least—don't forget HIMSELF. No one likes to hear about the wonderful date you had last night, or what Clarence, the senior at college thinks about swing, or that Bill sent you the duckiest gun. That won't help the evening one bit! Don't talk about some other place, some other time, some other man. Stick to here, now, and—HIM!

And, little lady, once the overture to "conversation piece" has begun, he'll be back to enjoy it again with you. Adieu! This is your realm!

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AUTUMN HOUSE-CLEANING

Yesterday I watched the gardener raking up the fallen leaves and burning them. And I saw my desk littered with papers, newspaper clippings and reams of illegible writing. So, I began my fall spring-cleaning.

These things I kept: A needle, a button off a shirt, some wire for pictures, a recipe, a spool of thread.

These I threw out: A description of a lovely face—a line or two which I had thought original, only to find that Wordsworth had beat me to it; an opening chapter for a book I hope some day to write; an impression of fog over the inlet; a tear-stained cry against fate, a couple of rejection slips; a long treatise on how to write a prize-winning novel; a clipping announcing a poetry contest; a request from a newspaper for an interesting human-interest story—deadline 20th; an outline for a play—a couple of reams of lucid tales written at white heat—a description of a city street at dawn . . .

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Stamp Values

By L. A. H.

Boys and girls under high school age who take up stamp collecting should buy only the cheaper grades of stamps. These cost very little and yet will give their owners much pleasure and experience in the handling and mounting of stamps. Collections can be made of famous people, animals, ships, trains, native race of the world as well as maps and scenes from various countries. These cheaper grades, however, have not any money value for resale.

Beginners of high school age should specialize in some country or groups of countries. The United States of America, for instance, provides a good field for a collection of used stamps. In recent years, the U.S.A. has printed many commemorative stamps which are exceptionally interesting and educational. However, as these stamps are printed by the millions and thus are of low value, especially the recent used ones. Similar collections may be made of British Colonial (in packets), the new Indian and Ceylon pictorials.

Specialisation

More advanced collectors who are interested to some extent in the investment aspect of the hobby, should specialize in very good used or mint (unused) stamps. Stamps of the following foreign countries, especially their commemorative and charity issues, provide a good field: Austria, France, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Dutch Colonies, French Morocco, Japan and Switzerland.

As Canada is at war now, it is not possible to import stamps from these countries. Only those which have been brought into the country before the war can be bought now, and they are are rather expensive because they are older issues. Pieces of the Panama Canal Zone and the Philippines are also worth collecting.

The stamps of small British Colonies and commemorative numbers from the Dominions make interesting and valuable collections. Among the best small colonies are Ascension, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Honduras, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gibraltar, Malta and Trinidad. Postally used stamps of these colonies are worth more than the unused ones, and should be bought in the current George VI issues, as the older ones are dear.

Barbados, Tercentenary of Assembly (5 values mint, 30 cents), Southern Rhodesia, Jubilee (8 mint, 80 cents) and New Zealand, Centennial (13 mint, $1.75) are three sets which should prove interesting and represent a good investment.

Let's Hear From You

NOTE: Niseis interested in stamp collecting, please get in touch with me through The New Canadian, and I shall be very pleased to answer questions and exchange information about the hobby. Later on, I'd like to write about the forming of a philatelist club.

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In Japan Today

Ancient Spirit Still Lingers On

By MORRIS SCHUMIATCHER

(From a speech broadcast over Station 1ZT)

TO the superficial observer, Japan appears tremendously weste[...] For she has successfully adopted a great deal of the west[...] will find here our steel and our machinery and our concrete b[...] you will see our army and our schools and our laws; you will eat [...] food and buy western clothes; you will see, transposed to this [...] our railways and subways and roads, and the cars which run over them [...] will be surprised at the speed and efficiency of the west wh[...] invaded what once was the old, leisurely East.

But although Japan has absorbed the West, she has no[t been] swamped by it. In spite of their industrialization, the Japanese [...] retained the tradition of the family which continues to be the basi[s of] all social intercourse. In spite of modern religious creeds, the Jap[anese] have retained the primitive ideology of S[hinto] which is a more vigorous movement today [than] ever before. The Japanese have not lost [their] peculiar love for beauty. Though they have acquired western harmo[ny] they have retained the old half-plaintive spirit of their songs [...] their popular dance music. Though they have flooded their [...] with western lights, the dramatic cavalcade is the same that [...] their stages hundred of years ago. It is this lasting quality [...] which tests the inherent worth of any culture, and the very endu[rance] of such Japanese institutions marks them out as the things which [...] remain though everything else be altered.

OLD TRADITION

I have passed through much beautiful country in Japan. I climbed the summit of Mount Fuji and, in the early morning, saw the s[un] in the white clouds, and there found the origin of the Japanese nation[al] flag, and knew at last why this was called the land of the Rising S[un]. I walked the forest paths of Karuizawa and over the friendly [...] Nikko, where no more beautiful temple in the world is sheltered by [...] giant cryptomaria. I marvelled at the trees of Nara, and the poles [...] prop up their gnarled, crooked limbs, like crutches supporting [a] white-haired patriarch. But most of all, I was impress[ed] by the thousand-year-old trees—dead or dying—[...] selves, almost lifeless, and many of them lying pros[trate] on the earth. Out of their trunks and limbs, new shoots were sprea[ding]. Out of the very dead, was being born new vigorous life.

NEW LIFE

And I thought of these old tree-trunks as Japan's national li[fe at] the time of the Meiji Restoration just 72 years ago. Japanese cult[ure] and customs and traditions at that time, were like those old trees—[...] themselves no longer fiborous or growing, but yet not without [the] power of imparting life. Then, out of the old, came forth the [...] When Japan embarked upon her modern era, a green and pristine [...] took root in the decadent and the dead. But with the growth of [the] new, the old was not destroyed. Rather it served as the soil out of wh[ich] the new derived life and nourishment.

AT present, Japanese life is again in a ferment. Every day brings [...] and surprising changes, for Prince Konoye, the present prem[ier] has announced that the whole structure of Japanese life is agai[n to] undergo profound changes as great as those made 72 years ago. Jap[an's] penetration of China has given rise to a great scheme of estab[lishing] a New Order in East Asia. Precisely what such changes imply is not [at] present known. But the people are willing to renounce luxury and se[lf-] indulgence, and to steel themselves to the task of building a gre[ater] Eastern Empire. Although no one knows the details of the plan, every[one] is conscious that the country is preparing for great changes.

NEW ORDER

Prince Konoye has assured the world that Japan does not [intend] to follow the examples of the totalitarian states in shaping her ne[w] domestic and foreign policies. It is the belief in this country that Jap[an] will devise a peculiarly Japanese system of government, the elements [of] which have not yet been divulged. However unsatis[fying] this vague statement may sound in the ears [of] Canadians and Americans, there are I think, very re[al] grounds for a genuine belief that it will be so. For the Japanese, I thi[nk] realize that it would be an unhappy ending were they to relegate to [the] dustbins of history their respect for the individual, and the sanctity [of] personality in some race to emulate other nations which have heartles[sly] burned the dust of their culture and tradition.

With many far-seeing members in high places in the Japane[se] Government, we may, then hope that Japan will not pay too high a p[rice] in the really worthwhile things of life, in forging ahead with her prog[ram] of change and that that old tree out of which modern Japan has gro[wn] and which the world has come to admire, will continue to impart stre[ngth] and strength to a nation which is both old and young, in the present p[hase] of its kaleidescopic history.

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[R]oyal City Digest

[B]y Staff Correspondent)

[Ed.] Note—After a year of in[ac]tivity observing, the "Royal [City] Digest" swings into action, [pre]senting the headlines and [the] news behind the headlines [i]n this city.)

New Westminster welcomes [ba]ck Principal Kamegaya, [ho]me from two months' visit [to] Japan.

The principal and all the [hel]pers who assisted in national [reg]istration work last August [we]re honoured at a hearty re[cep]tion given by the Japanese [Sch]ool Ijikai on September 22. The highlight of the after[no]on was a modern version of [Ja]pan, which Principal Kame[ga]ya recounted from the ex[pe]riences and observations of [hi]s tour.

Those who participated in [reg]istration wish to express a [not]e of thanks to the Ijikai.

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[Y]oung People's Society . . .

Royal City Y. P. resumed its [se]mi-monthly meetings on Sept. . The annual election finds [m]any changes in the executive [co]uncil, headed by Miss Cia [W]atanabe as president, and [S]huji Suzuki and Miss Emy [N]akano as secretary and vice-[s]ecretary respectively.

Future meetings of the Y. P. Society will be held every first and third Friday of the month —Remember, October 4th will find you at the Church.

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School is Here . . .

Potential geniuses are once more back in harness, resum[in]g with zest the many activ[it]ies of school life; while plod[d]ing others still mourn the end of holidays, which after an eternal wait, finally arrive only to pass too soon, like a gust of wind, into the Great Beyond.

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Maple Ridge Heads Plan Busy Season

A busy season of activity after the summer lay-off is being anticipated by Fraser Valley Nisei members of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League.

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadow chapter sounds the opening gun with an executive meeting to be held in the Haney Japanese Hall, Saturday, Oct. 5, at 8 p.m. All executive members are urged to be present.

East Richo-Chats

More White Springs

Better catches of white springs have been reported on the Fraser since last week, although the cohoe run is still slow.

In two days (Monday and Tuesday) the high boat for whites was said to have reached a ton or more. High boat for cohoe for the same period was 350 pounds.

Odd catches of sockeye have been made, and a very light run of chums noted.

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Visitor . . .

When the Yawata Maru docked at Vancouver, we had a welcome visitor here. Mr. K. Mori, deck steward aboard the new Ocean Queen, came ashore to visit his sister, now Mrs. S. Kumagai, who left Japan 27 years ago.

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Fireside Chatter . . .

Fall has set in and the dreaded days are here again. As the day comes to a close, and quiet evening approaches, a white smoke-like mist settles along the surface of the water. This is the fog—like a smoke screen of modern warfare, making it difficult for the fishermen to catch their prey.

But with hopeful hearts, the Nisei fishermen, with the aid of their faithful compass or the dim stars above, continue to work. In time of distress there is always a helping hand nearby, heedless of race or creed. At times we are greatly discouraged but ah— a great life this, especially when meal time approaches and a huge crowd gathers to exchange tales and swap yarns, while enjoying your daily bread.

Sunbury Secrets

(Correspondent's Note—We've been wondering what had happened to our former correspondent [illegible] of Sunbury's column. For ten weeks we've not had our column. Is he or she still busy fishing, farming, logging, loafing or has he gone back to school? In any case here's our column once again.)

Niseis Drafted

There are three mighty happy Nisei fishermen here. They are Hisashi "Sweet Sauce" Oikawa, Jack "Tarzan" Goto and Kishio "The Mighty Arm" Sasaki, all of whom received medical examination notices and have been certified fit for training.

These boys are all active members of the local JCCL chapter, and are also well known throughout the district as popular and most enthusiastic kendoists. "Sweet Sauce" also plays a bit of baseball, being a member of the 1940 Fraser Valley Baseball League champions, the Riverside JCCL ball club.

Sunbury is becoming a popular week-end visiting place, with all the visitors we're having. We noticed Mr. Hajime Horiuchi and two of his friends from Vancouver here last Sunday. And we see people from New Westminster around quite often, especially Romeo.

Young future fishermen like Yoshi, Juro and Toshio are enjoying fishing with hook and line in the muddy Fraser about three miles down from home. Better luck for Yoshi next time, and boys, don't forget to bring your lunch again.

Victoria Backs Basketball Team Oratory Winner Speaker At JCCL

Miss Sheila Graves, current holder of the JCCL perpetual challenge cup for oratory at the Victoria High School, was the guest speaker at a well-attended meeting of the local chapter, held at the Gogakko Hall on the evening of Sept. 26.

Minutes of the June meeting; a mid-summer social; beach party and the special meeting (re national convention) were read by the secretary, Yaeko Henni, and the treasurer's report was given by Ta Ono. A sum was voted to help sponsor the JCCL entry in the Victoria Japanese Community Basketball League. President Masao Kuwabara presided during the business period.

After the meeting refreshments were served by the social convenors, Marion Yoneda, George Kuwata and Stummie Okamoto.

Newcomers to Victoria present at the meeting were Kay Fujiwara and Shigeno Fujikawa, both from Vancouver and now employed here.

Taiyo Club . . .

The first fall meeting of the Taiyo Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kawasoe, on Sept. 27th, with President Harold Kawasoe in the chair. The speakers of the evening were Masao Kuwabara on "Soy Beans" and Muneo Kawasoe, who had as his topic, "Murderers Incorporated." A social hour with refreshments was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

Travelling and Tripping . . .

Taro Yoneda left on the midnight boat last Thursday to resume his studies at the University of Alberta. Many friends gathered at the dock to sigh him luck and a bon voyage.

George Umemoto, from Cumberland, was a visitor here recently, and was the guest of Jimmie Shimizu.

Nisei Training . . .

Muneo Kawasoe and Stummie Okamoto have been notified to take their medical examinations, and now are awaiting calls for military training.

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It seems that Masa and Jimmie took a ride up to Duncan last Saturday night, so will have to work overtime this week to try to find out what or who the attraction up there happens to be.

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Two hours after the first bombing of London when officials turned "in despair" to the Canadian Red Cross offices in London, truckloads of food, clothing and blankets were poured into the city. One father kissed the bundle of blankets given him for his family. "I want the people of Canada to know that their gifts have reached the firing lines through the Red Cross," cables B. E. Astbury of London's organized relief forces. "If London individuals could send a personal message, I am sure it would be like Tiny Tim's "God bless us everyone."

Food Parcels

W. J. Cairns, Toronto, assistant national Red Cross Commissioner, who has been at the Pacific Coast for the last fortnight, speaking on behalf of the national Red Cross five-million dollar campaign, states that it will take 120 volunteer Red Cross workers six days a week to pack the 10,000 food parcels which the Canadian Red Cross has agreed to supply British prisoners-of-war in Germany. The cost will be one and one-half-million dollars a year. This is one of the reasons why the Red Cross is making an appeal for funds.

Soldiers' Comforts

For six months, Canada's overseas forces have been receiving comforts from home through the Canadian Red Cross, ranging from smokes to eats as well as the hundreds of thousands of pairs of socks distributed to the troops at home and abroad. Each week 50,000 cigarettes, 200 pounds of tobacco, and 1,200 cakes of maple sugar are shipped to Britain. Twenty carloads of Canadian evaporated or canned apples have been shipped overseas by the Canadian Red Cross for the use of soldiers and British Refugees.

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Snow Trails Beckon Plank Artists

The clear summer days are too dizzy to watch, rapidly fading away. Mornings we find damp, gloomy mists enveloping the distant horizon. No more do we feel the hot rays of old Sol. The winter days are approaching us fast.

To one fraternity of sport fanatics, the approach of winter is welcomed enthusiastically, for it means sluicing and stemming down the tricky trails of Vancouver's conveniently situated winter playgrounds.

With skis on their feet, ski poles dangling to the wrist, skiers attired in the latest outfits to the dirtiest work clothes, swish by the side of the snow-covered mountains at a pace

some executing a perfect stem-christy, some taking a perfect head-first-dive into the soft-fluffy snow pile, all having the time of their lives.

The long arduous trail to the ski-village was bustling with activity again as skiers in preparedness for their winter pastimes hauled up supplies and stored up their winter's supply of wood. No exceptions were the Fuji skiers. Quite a number of the boys were up, stripped to the waist, chopping and hewing their winter's fuel, all hoping that the weather man doesn't play tricks again and cut their winter short like the last season.

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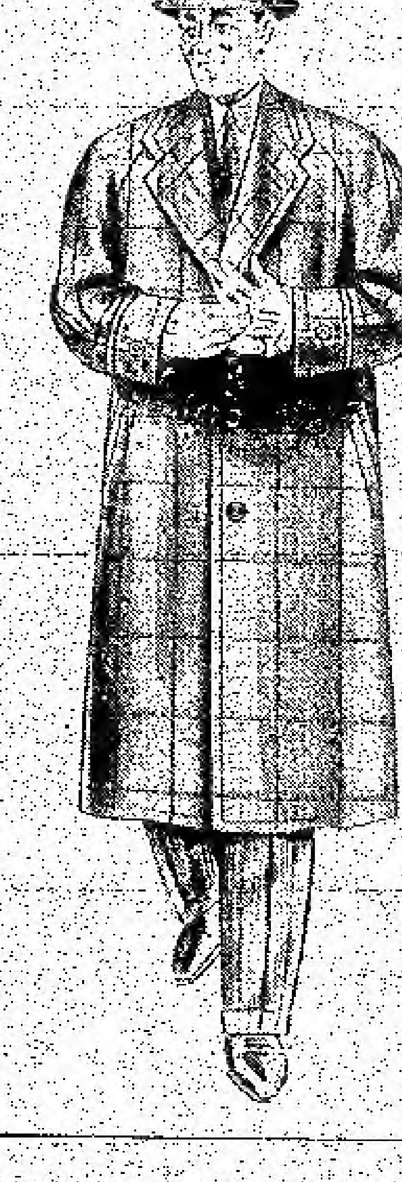

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Cagettes Click In Casaba Capering

Not bad! In fact the hoopla feminnes supported the girls' league wonderfully and by the looks of it there may be a league for the fair sex this year after all. About 25 girls turned out for the meeting last Wednesday at the Gym parlor and if that sizeable number turns out regularly the girls can have one dandy league.

The directors of the girls league had planned to drop the idea of the league without any hesitation this year if the girls lacked enthusiasm, but when the marvelous turnout and the great enthusiasm was shown by those attending, it was decided to form a three and possibly a four - team league.

Akiko Yoshinaka, Haruko Maruno and Joyce Ikeda were chosen as captains of the teams. To ensure no dwindling off of players in mid-season, captains were given the full responsibility of seeing that every member of their team turned out.

To give everybody a fair chance to play against any visiting teams this year, the directors assured the girls that not an all-star team, but individual teams will compete against any teams, thereby giving every player a chance.

FIRST WORKOUT

The girls had their first one-hour workout Tuesday from 9 p.m. Come on, all you girls. Come out and support the league; it won't kill you. The girls aren't as rough as they look. We would like to see more girls of high school age turn out, so regardless whether you have played before or not, turn out and let's start a league that would put the well-organized American femme leagues to shame.

Be seeing you every Tuesday, I hope.

● Sport SPOTLITE

What would you folks do if you were pigeon-holed to write this column week after week just to serve as somebody's knockout pills or as some people call it, "sleeping pills"? I bet I've put more people to sleep than any other guy alive. (Modest fellow!) You know, this racket wouldn't be so bad if there were something going on all the time, but the time I feel chagrined is when there's absolutely nothing happening on the sports front, and that miserable time is just now. This is "lull period."

This so-called "lull period" comes around twice a year. It's the period when one seasonal sport switches to another. The worst part of it is that this change takes about two months to take place. Two whole months during which time I must resort to my not-up-to-par brain-waves to fill up the whole of the back page. Somebody please toss me a life-belt. I'm sinking fast.

'Nuff said, now for SPORT.

Fireside Resistance

With a four-team set-up for senior basketball and a high-class badminton club, sports prospects for the long winter nights look mighty good. Add the usual soccer, skiing, golfing, table tennis, and maybe rugby, and I think that the sporting fraternity is in for plenty of fireside resistance.

But the basketball situation this year is really pathetic. This year, more than ever, it promises to be a best year yet, but then again it may prove to be the worst year. Player-grabbing and no cooperation is the trouble. Hoopla through the hard-working, tireless efforts of Mr. Akiyama has grown to enjoy an amazing popularity, and by rights now, the players should be thankful to him and cooperate in making the league stronger and better. But petty selfishness, the desire to win at any cost, even at the expense of breaking up the whole league prevails, leaving the league set-up in one dandy mess.

Committee's Job

I've been asked frequently, Hasn't the league committee got anything to say? Just where does their power lie?" Sure the committee has a say, or [illegible] body he chooses [illegible] run the league smoothly [illegible] out the difficulties that [illegible] pop up. There were a [illegible] some individuals [illegible] year, and I know [illegible] had to take it [illegible] really got a raw deal [illegible] last year.

This year a committee [illegible] chosen solely for the purpose [illegible] seeing that none of the fa[illegible] last year occurred again. [illegible] we all have to learn things [illegible] perience. Profiting by last [illegible] troubles, many amendments [illegible] made to the constitution, but [illegible] the players fail to cooperate [illegible] league will be no better this year than the last.

What everybody wants [illegible] year is fair play — teams [illegible] equal so that fans can [illegible] some of the close-fought [illegible] matched games. Anyway what [illegible] would a team with all the [illegible] ers of the town get in going in one squad? Sure they'd [illegible] other teams and they would [illegible] away with the cup easy enough, but I wonder, would they [illegible] satisfaction out of [illegible] way? I doubt it very much.

Come on, fellows, PLAY THE GAME, after all basketball is a sport. We all go into it [illegible] of it, or don't we?

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Too Bad, No News About Badminton

The badminton season was ushered into the sport menu of the winter with a bang last Saturday night as some hundred birdsmen and their friends gathered at the Hastings Auditorium to limber-up their bodies in a bit of rug cutting to condition themselves for the approaching season.

Secretary Mat Matsui wishes to thank the public for their splendid support at the social and also the girls who supplied the delicious refreshments.

Strathcona gym will be the scene of much activity again as the shuttlers get their workouts on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 10:30. Captains will be chosen by the players of the different nights to superintend the events of the evenings.

There are still room for more players in the Strathcona Club, so if there are any desirous of signing up or making any inquiries don't hesitate to phone up "Mat" Matsui at TR 5558.

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